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For: A COMPOSITION FOR IMMOBILIZATION OF BIOLOGICAL MACROMOLECULES IN HYDROGELS, A METHOD FOR PREPARING A COMPOSITION, A BIOCHIP, AND A METHOD FOR PERFORMING THE PCR OVER BIOCHIP

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